

## **Moran, Kansas Leaders Applaud NBAF Site Selection at KSU Press Conference**

MANHATTAN — Congressman Jerry Moran and other state leaders announced in a press conference today in Manhattan, Kansas, that Kansas State University (KSU) has been recommended by The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as the location for the National Bio- and Agro-Defense Laboratory (NBAF).

“Kansas maintains a credible history of animal health education and research, making it the best location for NBAF,” Moran said. “I believe the decision says much for the initiative Kansas leaders demonstrated over the past three years to bring the lab to Manhattan. As a member of the NBAF Task Force, I am proud to have been a part of that initiative. The decision made by DHS will not only benefit Kansans, but will benefit our country by the success NBAF will have here at the KSU campus.”

NBAF will be a \$451 million federal scientific laboratory that will research ways to protect citizens and animals from the threat of disease. The facility will also create hundreds of new jobs for the Kansas economy.

The 500,000-square-foot facility is expected to have an annual operating budget of \$125 million. The facility’s economic impact is estimated to be approximately \$3.5 billion over its first

20 years.

The decision will be announced in the final environmental impact study that will be later released by DHS. The site selection process began three years ago with 29 potential locations across the country. Manhattan was selected from competing sites in Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina and Texas.

Moran is on the House Committee of Agriculture and is a member of the NBAF Task Force.

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